

## Rev. DeAnna Golsan (Pastor Dee)

I began serving Disciples Christian Church in Plano in 2012 while studying at Brite Divinity School for my Masters of Divinity degree, and continued with them following my graduation in 2013. I was blessed and honored to be ordained into ministry through the Southwest Region, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in February of 2014 with friends, family and my church by my side.

I grew up in the Methodist church, serving in my adult life as usher Stephen Minister and Stephen Ministry Leader. After leaving that

church for personal reasons, I remained in church limbo for several years. In 2008, I was invited by a friend to visit Midway Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and my life changed. I joined the church two Sundays later. Within 6 months I received my call to Ministry and began Brite Divinity School in August of 2009. My time at Brite Divinity School opened my mind and heart to the beauty of the Gospels, the importance of Ecumenical partnership and instilled in me a desire to preach, offer meaningful pastoral care and to be of service to God and my church family.

I have lived in the Dallas metroplex since moving here in 1992 with my husband Cory, my three sons Ryan, Adam and Bradley. All the boys have grown up and have lives of their own, but I have been blessed with a wonderful daughter, Monica, and two grandchildren, Mason and Olivia. Life is pretty great. My husband has retired after serving the government for 25 years and we now live in Plano.

In the time that I have served Disciples Christian Church, I have had my faith tested and made stronger. I have been asked to look deep within and find what I am passionate about, to rethink some of my imbedded theologies and be open to change. One of the greatest changes has come about due to meeting a mother whose son was on death row. After walking with her through his execution, I have found a passion for speaking out about the death penalty and have worked closely with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, spoken before groups and congressional hearings and tried to use a terrible experience to make a difference.

I am also excited about helping children in need, the opportunities for ecumenical partnerships, opening the Lords Table for all people and growing the Church for the glory of Christ.

Thank you for taking a moment to learn a little about me, and I hope to meet you soon, so that I may learn a bit about you, too.